

In re Patent Application of
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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application, and for correctly indicating the allowability of all the claims. As helpfully pointed out by the Examiner, a brief description for Figures 3-25 and 27-30, a new title, and a replacement Abstract have been submitted. Claims 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 48, 49, 50, 52, 54, 61, 62, 63, 65, 72, 73, 74, 76, 77, 82, 84, 85, 86, 90, 91, and 92 have been amended as requested by the Examiner to correct the noted minor informalities.

The amendments to the claims do not constitute narrowing amendments for reasons relating to patentability.

I. Regarding The Claim Objections

Extremum aggregate metric is explained in the specification on pages 6, 12, 13, 15, 28, and in particular, on pages 29 and 45 in view of Figs. 8 and 29, respectively. Error cue is explained in the specification on pages 7, 9, 10, 13, 16, and in particular, on page 25. Resemblance cue is explained in the specification on pages 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, and in particular, on page 25.

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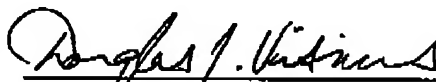
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CONCLUSIONS

In view of the amendments to the claims presented above, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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